GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CONVENTION ON DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN
UTTAMRAO NATHUJI DHIKALE

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have signed the agreement "Convention on All Forums of Discrimination Against Women"; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to provide equal status to men and women of minority communities in accordance with this agreement?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. India is a signatory to the UN Convention on theElimination of All Forums of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), which India has ratified with two Declaratory Statements and one Reservation.

(b) The measures and programmes undertaken by the Government aim at the elimination of gender inequalities in the country including between men and women of the minority communities.